

THE FEEDLINE

THE CANTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NOVEMBER 2001



ARRL SWEEPSTAKES - SSB !



ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes

The Canton amateur radio club will enter the ARRL sweepstakes. We have our ham shack remolded and we are ready!

The contest is **November 17-19, 2001.**

Hours are from 2100 UTC Saturday to 0300 UTC on Monday.

(1600 EST Saturday to 2300 EST Sunday)

The object is to exchange QSO information with as many US and Canadian stations as possible. 71 US ARRL sections and 9 Canadian sections are multipliers.

This is a great opportunity for you to use our new shack or get aquatinted with HF contesting.

We need volunteers to operate and log during the contest. Shifts are just 2 hours! 1600-1800 EST, 1801-2000 EST, 2001-2200 Hrs. Etc.

Contact Mike Robinson to schedule your slot(s)

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146.790

MEETINGS

THIRD WEDNESDAY

EACH MONTH

7:30 PM

STARK COUNTY E.O.C.

LOWER LEVEL

STARK COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RT. 62 EAST

TRUSTEES MEETING

THIRD MONDAY

EACH MONTH 7:30 PM

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THE CONSTITUTION C.A.R.C.

Article II of the constitution of the Canton Amateur Radio club states our purpose. Many club members are not aware of this "definition" of our club.

It states:

"The purpose of this corporation (C.A.R.C.) shall be to provide educational, charitable, scientific purposes and facilities for its members, to bring together at frequent intervals, those who are interested in the betterment of Amateur Radio conditions, for the advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare, for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communications and experimentation through educational

classes, sponsored by the radio club and to provide representation at functions of a charitable, technical and educational nature."

Article III states:

To provide radio communications to local government and quasi-government agencies, in the event of a disaster where our services could be needed. To affiliate communications of the ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency System).

If we, as club members have ever doubted what we are all about, the statements of Articles II & III are quite clear. As each of us attends meetings, works on programs or devotes time to the C.A.R.C. we would do well to keep our purpose in mind ! ...ed

JAMBOREE "ON THE AIR 2001"

A concerted effort was put forth by many members of our club to allow young scouts (Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts) to experience the fun of Amateur Radio. The international event took place during the weekend of October 20th, 2001.

From our club station we hosted several Girl Scout troops who, along with their parents and leaders, had an opportunity to speak with other young people via Ham Radio. Educational programs and demonstrations were also provided. Mike Robinson, KI0DE; Roger Gray, W8VE; Dale Storey, KB8LWP; Randy Miller, KC8ONX; Lori Miller KC8ONY; Tom Edmunds, KC8FLS; Karen Laursen, KC8PCR; and Byron Berger KF8UN; are to be thanked for their efforts.

From Seven Ranges scout camp, members of our club established and operated a portable station for the duration of the event. Many licensed ham radio operators were found among the many scout leaders at the camp. This was a busy weekend, as over 575 young men were on site for their fall Camporee. Using our club's small trailer, an 80 meter window antenna and just 100 watts we were able to contact many scout groups throughout the world. Operations continued

day and night for the entire weekend, with over 70 scouts enjoying their chance to "hit the air".

It was equally important to QSO other scout stations, with young people standing by to talk with just anybody.

Craig Hockman, N8OH; Scott Duncan, KK8D; Dale E. Storey, KB8LWP; are to be thanked for setting up the portable station! Operators who gave their time Friday (10/19/01) to Sunday (10/21/01) were: Paul V. Puckett, KB8GSV; John H. Schaffner, Jr, K8LN; Evans H. Daggett, W8LVL; and Gary Lewis, W8SSB.

Our club's current son and dance man, Julius Erdos, KD8XD presented a demonstration of morse code communication. Many volunteers displayed QSL cards and personal equipment during the event. A special thank you is extended to Gary (W8SSB) who was on site bright and early Sunday morning, ready to tear down the station.

I am sure that all the above will look forward to the Jamboree on the Air weekend next year! This has been a great activity for our club and is a perfect fit with the stated purpose of the Canton Amateur Radio Club.

DISASTER ASSESSMENT CLASS !

The American Red Cross of Central Stark County will offer two free classes to interested club members.

Introduction to Disaster Services, is a three hour class and explains what needs to be done during a disaster. This basic introductory class is an informative look at the needs and roles of volunteers during a disaster. It will be presented by Rick Alatorre of the American Red Cross on Tuesday, November 27th in our meeting room at the Emergency Operations Center, lower level of the Stark County Jail. Class will start promptly at 7:00 PM, and will require approximately three hours.

Disaster Assessment, the second class offered, will focus on what has occurred after an incident (fire, storm, haz-mat) and how it has impacted families and the community. Skills learned from this class will be helpful in determining the damage caused by

storms and other incidents. It will provide valuable skills for storm tracking, which involves many Amateur Radio Operators. The class will be presented on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 PM, in our meeting room of the E.O.C.

Both classes are furnished without cost. The ideal class size is ten to twelve participants. We look forward to your attendance at these two important and informative presentations.

Rick Alatorre (American Red Cross) would like to extend his thanks to all the Hams that have helped during the calendar year 2001. As he said "we have had a few incidents this past year where the Hams have made it happen, when other communication systems have failed."

Take advantage of this opportunity !

AREA NETS

STARK COUNTY MUTUAL AID NET

SUNDAY AM

CW 11:00 28.150
P'KT 11:00 145.070-S
FM 11:30 146.520-S
SSB 11:45 28.310

SLOPPY FIST NET
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
9:00 PM - 28.138

ARES NET

TUESDAY

7:00 PM 147.120

ASTRONOMY NET

1ST WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM 147.180

ALLIANCE A.R.C.

THURSDAY PM

CW 8:00 28.400
SSB 8:30 28.400
VHF 9:00 145.370

MASSILLON ARC

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY

8:00 PM 147.180

HAM EXAM SKED

NOVEMBER 24, 2001

CARC/MASSILLON ARC

9:00 AM -STARK

COUNTY SHERIFF'S

OFFICE

4500 ATLANTIC

BLVD. CANTON, OHIO

HAMFEST DATES:

JANUARY 27TH,
2002

TUSCO ARC
DOVER ARMORY
DOVER, OHIO

FEBRUARY 10TH,
2002

MASR HAMFEST
RICHLAND COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
MANSFIELD, OHIO

THE FORGOTTEN MAN (HAM)

CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER'S FEEDLINE

**AMATEUR RADIO
WEB SITE
DIRECTORY**ARRL
www.arrl.orgCLUB SITE
www.qsl.net/w8al/index.htmSTARK COUNTY
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www.qsl.net/ka8ftpDX-SUMMIT
www.oh2gq.ko1umbus.com/dxs1FISTS
www.fists.orgCQ MAGAZINE
www.cq-amateur-radio.com**WEB SITE
OF THE MONTH**

PROPAGATION IS OF GREAT INTEREST TO EVERY HAM RADIO OPERATOR ! MOST OF US KNOW THAT WWV ANNOUNCES SOLAR FLUX, 'A' & 'K' VALUES AT 18 MINUTES PAST EVERY HOUR.

FOR MORE UP-TO DATE INFORMATION YOU CAN CHECK OUT THE HOTTEST NEW PROPAGATION PAGE ON THE WEB.

<http://dx.qsl.net/propagation>

ALL INDICES & REPORTS ARE UPDATED CONSTANTLY. THIS WEB SITE NOT ONLY DELIVERS SOLAR FLUX, 'A' & 'K' INDICES BUT ALSO SOLAR WIND DATA, THREE DAY FORECASTS, RECENT MAJOR SOLAR FLARE ACTIVITY AND A GREAT SATELLITE VIEW OF BOTH POLAR AURORA ACTIVITY.

OTHER DATA IS AVAILABLE HERE ON AN INSTANTANEOUS BASIS. CHECK OUT THE GREY-LINE WORLD MAP, AS WELL AS VARIOUS SOHO FILTERED PICTURES OF THE SUN.

KEEP INFORMED - BOOKMARK THIS NEAT NEW PAGE TO YOUR WEB BROWSER !

Our hero, Doug Mackiernan, (WIHTQ) has been trapped behind the Bamboo Curtain, in a remote part of western China, near the Soviet border. It is 1949, and the U.S. Government has few allies in this region of the world. Fortunately, Mack has planned for an escape. On August 24, 1949 Mack sent a telegram to the Secretary of State informing him of the closing of the U.S. Consulate in Tihwa and that he would destroy archives, cryptographic materials and motion picture films. The only things he would spare was a radio and enough "one time pads" to communicate with Washington. One time pads were notebooks that provided a system of encryption that could be used only one time for each message. The situation worsened, and on September 27th, 1949 Doug prepared to flee. He packed a radio, his "one time pads", a Leica camera, compass, aneroid barometer and several kilos of gold bullion which with to barter for goods needed along the way. Doug and four companions escaped under cover of darkness to begin a two week trek to Lake Barkol, closer to the Mongolian border. Between Lake barkol and the Chinese-Mongolian border lay a no-man's land of more than one thousand miles of the Taklimaken desert, know as White Death.

The one constant of their odyssey was Mack's instance on stopping to radio his position to Washington. Each time, his companions would set up a wire antenna while mack sent and received encrypted messages via Morse Code.

Seven months into the trip all horses had died from starvation in the desolate high altitude desert. Bartering along the way for camels, Mackiernan tied up his prospective purchases for a day to see which camels would eat meat. He returned camels who refused meat and only ate grass or grain. Mack knew where he was going there would be no forage.

In April of 1950, Mack radioed Washington and asked that the Tibetan government be contacted and the then 16 year old Dalai Lama be asked to arrange safe passage for him and his men and that they be given an escort once they exited China. Couriers from the Dalai Lama would alert the border guards at all crossing points. Finally, at 11:00 AM on April 27, 1950, he scanned the horizon to the south east to find sight of a tiny Tibetan encampment. It had taken seven months to cross twelve hundred miles of desert and mountain. Mack approached the Tibetans with a white flag raised. He was met by a young girl who promptly stuck her tongue out at him (this is a friendly gesture in Tibet). Unfortunately, Mack and his friends were looked on as communists or bandits. Shots rang out, and Mack was one of the first to fall. The Tibetans then decapitated Mack and two of his companions, as well as one of their camels. Five days after Mackiernan was killed, the survivors encountered the Dalai Lama's couriers who carried orders of safe passage, and who were to become part of the welcoming party for Doug Mackiernan.

DX - NOTE BOOK !**EASTERN MALAYSIA - 9M6**

Nov. 6th to Nov. 11 / 80 - 6 mB
SSB, CW & RTTY QSL via

CAMEROON - TJ2RSF

Nov. 11th to Nov. 23rd
HF Bands, SSB with some CW & RTTY
QSL to EA4AHK

SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS - VP8SIG

Nov. 17th to Nov. 22nd QSL to GM0HCQ
SOUTH GEORGE - VP8SGK
Nov. 24th to Nov. 30th QSL to GM0HCQ

AUSTRIAL ISLANDS FO0SEV/FRY

Dec 3rd to Dec. 4th
RTTY with some SSB & CW
QSL to home call WB8XTF or K8PYD

BELAU - T88

Dec. 30th to Jan. 3rd
All bands CW - SSB - RTTY
QSL to JK1FNN

NOTE: CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST
NOVEMBER 24th - 25th
GREAT PROPAGATION IS PREDICTED
FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS !